

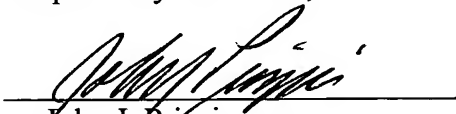
**REMARKS**

The Abstract has been amended to better conform with the scope of the claims.

The Examiner is requested to telephone applicants with any comments or questions (724-539-5331) in order to expedite prosecution of the application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, in connection with this submission, to Kennametal Inc. Deposit Account No. 502832.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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